

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before December 22, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that protesters provide copies of their protests to the party or parties directly involved. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by every one of the intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by

Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for MIGC to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-116-000]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

December 11, 1997.

Take notice that on December 4, 1997, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel), 10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York, 14203, filed in Docket No. CP98-116-000, a request, pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.214 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.214), for authorization to increase the storage capacity at its Keelor Storage Field in McKean County, Pennsylvania, under its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-4-000, pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

National Fuel requests authorization to increase the storage capacity from 3.3 Bcf (with 1.8 Bcf working gas) to 3.9 Bcf (with 2.4 Bcf of working gas). National Fuel asserts that the new capacity resulting from this proposal will support storage service to be offered to its shippers. National Fuel states that the increase in capacity at the Keelor Storage Field will not require additional facilities within the meaning of the Commission's regulations. National Fuel indicates that the current and requested

maximum storage pressures are 625 psig.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-113-000]

Southern Natural Gas Company; Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Application

December 11, 1997.

Take notice that on December 4, 1997, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern) P.O. Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama, 35202-2563, and Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT) (jointly referred to as Applicants) filed in Docket No. CP98-113-000 an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, and Sections 157.7 and 157.18 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Regulations thereunder, for permission and approval to abandon from interstate service a natural gas exchange service by and between Applicant, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Applicants state that the natural gas exchange agreement dated June 28, 1972, was originally authorized in Docket No. CP73-14. Applicants further state that the agreement provided for the exchange of natural gas by and between themselves, up to 50,000 Mcf per day, at a point of interconnection between their respective pipeline systems in Washington Parish, Louisiana. Applicants assert that the abandonment